(b) the number of scientists of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, IARI, and NDRI who have committed suicide so far ;

(c) whether the Supreme Court has observed with reference to one of such cases that these were not stray incidents but the outcome of persecution, torture and harassment emanating from the polluted environment in the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and its affiliates; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken to remedy the situation and what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The original Suicide Note is not in the possession of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research. A photo copy of the alleged Suicide Note is reported to have been given by the family of the deceased to the Police 24 hours after his suicide. The case is under investigation by the Police.

(b) Three.

(c) and (d) The Supreme Court made these observations in the Judgement delivered on 16-12-1983 in the Writ Petition No. 587 of 1975. The judgement was in respect of a few individual cases concerning personnel matters.

All the directions given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the said Writ Petition and in other matters clubbed with the aforesaid Writ Petition have been implemented by the Council.

Government Properties in Shimla

1151. SHRI ANAND SHARMA:
SHRI BHUBANESHWAR KALITA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of the properties of the Government of India in Shimla which are in use of the Government of Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) whether the State Government have requested for the transfer of such properties ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Details are given in the attached list. [*See* Appendix CXXXIX, Annexure No. 74.]

(b) Yes, Sir.

Telecom Facilities in the NCR

1152. SHRI RAOOF VALI-ULLAH :
SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal under their consideration to levy a cess to raise funds to finance upgradation of telecom facilities in the National Capital Region (NCR) ;

(b) what is the estimated cost and the criteria for providing and upgrading telecom facilities in the NCR ; and

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir. However, a suggestion for including the cost of development of telecomunication facilities in the sale price of developed plots is under examination by a group constituted by the Planning Committee of the NCR Planning Board .

(b) and (c) It will be known only when the group constituted by the Planning Committee of the National Capital Region Planning Board submits its report.

Non-payment to the Contractors by DDA

1153. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA :
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOUDHURY :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that work on all the major housing and development projects of the Delhi Development Authority have come to a standstill due to non-payment to the contractors engaged on the projects ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, and the reasons therefor ;

(c) the total amount payable to the contractors till date ; and

(d) the steps contemplated by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Government is not aware of the hold up of DDA's projects on account of non-payment to the contractors. The total amount payable to the contractors has been called for from the DDA and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Allotment of Land in Gurgaon, Haryana

1154. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government are aware that the State Government of Haryana have permitted certain Delhi colonisers to set up residential colonies on abou 4000 acres of rural land in Gurgaon and that the area to be developed falls within the National Capital Region; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reaction of the Central Government with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Fire in Bokaro Steel Plant

1155. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA :
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA :
SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a major fire broke out in the captive power plant of the Bokaro Steel plant on 10th July, 1986 ;

(b) if so, what were the causes of the fire ;

(c) what are the particulars of equipments destroyed in the fire and the loss sustained as a result thereof ;

(d) whether sabotage is suspected in this matter ; and

(e) whether any inquiry has been ordered into the incident and so, what are the results thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT): (a) to (e) A fire broke out in the early hours of 11th July, 1986, in the Captive Power Plant of the Bokaro Steel Plant. Survey showed that there was